

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 17, 19 and 22 and add new claim 28 as follows:

17. (Currently Amended) The method of cleaning various items ~~such as poultry pads in a rotatable tub~~ comprising the steps of:

- a) placing the items in a rotatable tub mounted on a wheeled frame;
- b) placing a side guard on the frame adjacent the tub;
- c) closing the side guard;
- ~~b) d)~~ rotating the tub to agitate the items while directing water therein;
- ~~e) e)~~ draining the tub during rotation;
- ~~d) f)~~ terminating the rotation; and
- ~~e) g)~~ removing the items from the tub.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein directing water comprises the step of spraying the items with water while rotating the tub.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 ~~further comprising the step of placing a side guard on the frame adjacent the tub and closing the side guard~~

~~before rotating the tub. wherein placing the items in a rotatable tub comprises the step of placing poultry pads in a rotatable tub mounted on a wheeled frame.~~

20. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein rotating the tub comprises the step of rotating the tub around its horizontal axis.
21. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein draining the tub comprises the step of draining the tub during each revolution through an open valve.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of cleaning items ~~such as soiled poultry nest pads~~ in a transportable washer having a rotatable tub and a closeable side guard comprising the steps of:
- a) placing the items to be cleaned in the tub;
 - b) closing the side guard;
 - c) rotating the tub to agitate the items therein while directing water into the tub;
 - d) draining the water from the tub during rotation; and
 - e) removing the items from the tub.
23. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprises the step of opening the side guard before removing the items from the tub.
24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein rotating the tub

comprises the step of rotating the tub about its horizontal axis.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein draining the tub comprises the step of draining the tub during each revolution thereof.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein draining the tub comprises the step of allowing water within the tub to flow through openings in the bottom of the tub and out a gate valve in communication therewith.
27. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprises the step of stabilizing the transportable washer before placing the items in the tub.
28. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein placing items to be cleaned in the tub comprises the step of placing soiled poultry nest pads in the tub.